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APPLICATION OF: Kent E. Regnier **SERIAL NO.:** 09/482,135 **FILED:** January 12, 2000

FOR: CONNECTOR HAVING SUPPORTIVE BARRIER COMPONENTS

**EXAMINER:** M. Carroll

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**Assistant Commissioner of Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## AMENDMENT "B"

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 22, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows (a marked up version of the claims showing the changes that have been made are on the pages attached to this Amendment):

## In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 9 as follows:

(Amended) The electrical connector according to claim 1, wherein said contact has a terminal portion which is formed to be offset with respect to said receptacle through axis.

## REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on January 22, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejected claims 1-4, 6, 11, 13-20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 2,903,670 ("Sitz"), rejected claims 5 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sitz in view of

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